

Morris Keeney

August 1998

- 1 Born Nov 28 1919 in Dilley Tx - 6 mi W of San Antonio, TX.
- 2 5yr old move to Whitehall - 35 mi W of Lubbock 60 mi from New Mex line
- 3 Dad was a farmer (Postmaster)
Mother was RN
- 4 1 yr college - left for Ca in July 38
- 5 Washed dishes 2 yrs at 40th & Telegraph ave in Oakland - attend UC Berkley 1 yr.
- 6 Went to work for Tel. Co in 1940 - line crew
- 7 4F during The Big one - made foreman in 1944
- 8 Went to outside plant Eng in 46 - held orders
- 9 Sr. Engr in 1952 - Dist Engr in 1956
10. Sold 10 ac Walnuts in 1963 and moved to Durham - 35 AC Walnuts.
- 11 Bud joined in 1968
12. Darn near went under in 1983
13. Lost my best investment of 50 yrs in 1989
14. Made a bad move in 1990
- 15 Broke free in 1996 - Net worth
16. Still looking - Again
17. Had the of this world - did what I wanted to and with my son

In Celebration of the Life Of



Morris Keeney

1919 ~ 2009

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took God's hand when I heard the call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
I could not stay another day.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me-
God wanted me now, God set me free*

MORRIS J. KEENEY

Memorial services for Morris J. Keeney, 89, of Durham will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 01, 2009 at Bidwell Chapel in Chico. He passed away peacefully on Monday, August 24, 2009.

Morris was born on November 28, 1919 in Dilly, Texas to Clarence and Pearl Keeney. He was raised and educated in Whitharral, Texas. He moved to California in 1938 and worked for Pacific Telephone for 23 years, working his way up to District Construction Supervisor. In 1941 he married his wife of 49 years, Agnes Keller with whom he moved to Durham in 1963 to pursue a career in farming with his son. After Agnes' death in 1990, he married Billie Burtner in 1998. He was active in business and community leadership serving as a member of numerous boards and committees. His hobbies included traveling, gardening, RV'ing with the Good Sams, and spending time with family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes; sister, Virginia Matthew; brother, C.B. Keeney; daughter, Arlene Root; and two grandchildren, Mike Hudson and Mark Schafer.

Survivors include wife, Billie Keeney of Levelland, Texas; son, Bud Keeney (Christine) of Durham; daughter, Patricia Schafer of Cave Junction, Oregon; sister, Becky Stewart (Murray) of Lubbock, Texas; stepsons, Jimmy Burtner (Sue) of Post Falls, Idaho and Mark Burtner (Beckie) of Levelland, Texas; nieces, Janie Flanagan and Roxann Lindsay; and nephews, Gary Keeney, Greg Keeney, Rodger Keeney, and Mike McGregor, all of Texas; former daughter-in-law, Joan Keeney-Mejia; 10 grandchildren, Greg Keeney, Lisa Ryan, Debbie Rugg, David Schafer, Brian Schafer, Julie Staley, Mary Schafer, John Schafer, and

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Morris Judson Keeney

Born

November 28, 1919
Dilly, Texas

Entered into Rest
August 24, 2009
Levelland, Texas

Celebration of Life

Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
Bidwell Chapel

Officiating

Pastor Sam Allen

Interment

Glen Oaks Memorial Park
Chico, California

Reception to Follow

Johnny's Restaurant ~ Hotel Diamond
West 4th Street, Chico

Billie
Keeney

I was born in Sand Springs, Oklahoma - a suburb of Tulsa - the youngest of 3 children. I lost my mother and father at a young age but God has taken good care of me and blessed me daily.

Before graduation from high school I worked for a private insurance agency and later, Oklahoma Power and Water Co.

After my first marriage, we were transferred to Levee, Texas by Standard Oil and Gas - later to become Amoco - and I became happily associated with South Plains College for 19 1/2 years.

I have been blessed with two wonderful sons and four of the best grandchildren in all this world. Yes - they are a bit spoiled, but I had nothing to do with that part.

Quite by accident in 1997, I met Marvin Keeney who was visiting his family in Levee, and my life changed course quite rapidly.

On October 24, 1998, I married this man in a most memorable wedding

ceremony and moved to Durham.
I have again been blessed - this
time with a wonderful, wonderful
marriage, a great second family
and the best friends anyone could ever
hope for - the Durham Good Sons.

This spring I returned to West
Texas, divided between my two boys
and my grandchildren, all my
possessions - including my house
and car - and returned to Durham
to live happily ever after.

Thank you for the love and friendship
you have extended to me and to Marie.
It will always be a cherished
possession in our lives and the
welcome mat is always out for you
at our house. The love you much!

Billie Beutner Keene